

High Sea Adventure!

Harrowing true stories

The Man Who Ate His Boots by Anthony Brant

Examines the British navy's nineteenth-century search for the Northwest Passage. The doomed expedition didn't prevent a parade of adventurous, often heroic, and some-times foolhardy mariners from challenging the incredibly hostile environment. (910.9163 BRA)

Isaac's Storm by Erik Larsen

In 1900, a massive storm bore down on Galveston, but the residents were reassured by scientist Isaac Cline's belief that no hurricane could damage the city. However, within the next few hours Galveston would endure a hurricane that is the nation's deadliest natural disaster, and Cline would experience his own unbearable loss. (976.4 LAR)

Alone: Orphaned on the Ocean by Richard Logan, PhD and Tere Duperrault Fassbender

Co-authored by a renowned psychologist and survival expert, this book delves into the details of how a little girl survived the at-sea murder of her family; the pod of whales who guarded her; the captain's lies to cover the murders and Tere's recapturing of life. (910.4 LOG)

My Old Man and the Sea by David and Daniel Hays

A father and son designed and built a small boat together, then set out to sail it around the tip of South America, a journey that David had dreamed of ever since childhood. It is an engaging adventure, and a remarkable story of a father-son relationship. (910.4 HAY)

Simple Courage by Frank Delaney

The true story of Kurt Carlsen, the captain of the freighter S.S. Flying Enterprise, who, in 1951, struggled to evacuate his passengers and crew and bring the severely disabled ship back to port after high winds and waves threw the vessel over on her side. (910.9163 DEL)

The Custom of the Sea by Neil Hanson

After a massive storm in 1884 sinks their ship, British Captain Tom Dudley and his three person crew are adrift in a leaky 13 foot dinghy with only two small tins of food. After 19 days, Dudley determined that they must resort to the horrifying practice called "the custom of the sea." While the others watched, the captain killed the weakest of them, and his body was eaten. The survivors were eventually rescued, but tried on murder charges. 910.4 HAN)

The Terrible Hours by Peter Maas

In 1939, if a sub went down, every man on board was doomed. However, submariner Charles "Swede" Momsen was pioneering new rescue technology. This story reconstructs the harrowing 39 hours between the sinking of the submarine *Squalus* and the eventual rescue of 33 crew members, thanks to Momsen's daring and heroic work. (910 MAA)

The Imperial Cruise by James Bradley

In 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt dispatched a secret diplomatic mission led by Secretary of War William Howard Taft, who traveled by ship across the Pacific to Hawaii, Japan, the Philippines, China, and Korea, and negotiated secret agreements that laid the foundation for America's Pacific engagement from World War II on. (359.4 BRA)

Not Without Hope by Nick Schuyler

On a blustery day, four friends embarked on a fishing trip. A harrowing two days later, only one man returned. This is his story. (796.332 SCH)